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## Pennsylvania's September Yield Forecast

HARRISBURG, PA, Sep 10, 2010 - - Based on crop conditions as of September 1, estimates of Pennsylvania's 2010 production of Maryland-type tobacco, Pennsylvania Seedleaf tobacco, and Burley tobacco is expected to be above last year, while production of corn for grain and soybeans is expected to be below a year ago according to the Pennsylvania field office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

The corn for grain yield is estimated at 128 bushels per acre, four bushels below the August 1 forecast, and down 15 bushels from last year's average yield of 143 bushels per acre. With acreage for harvest currently estimated at 940,000, the resulting production is expected to be 120.3 million bushels, down 9 percent from a year ago.

The soybean yield is estimated at 43 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but down 3 bushels from last year's yield of 46 bushels per acre. With acreage for harvest currently estimated at 465,000, the resulting production is expected to be 20.0 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year.

The Southern Maryland-type tobacco yield was estimated at 2,250 pounds per acre, 50 pounds per acre less than a year ago. With acreage for harvest estimated at 2,200, the resulting production of 4.95 million pounds will be 2.5 percent above last year. The Pennsylvania Seedleaf tobacco yield was estimated at 2,300 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds per acre from last year. With acreage for harvest estimated at 2,100 acres, the resulting production of 4.8 million pounds would be 10 percent above last year. The Burley tobacco yield is estimated at 2,300 pounds per acre. With acres for harvest estimated at 4,200, the resulting production would be 9.7 million pounds which is up 2 percent from the previous year.

**Nationally**, corn production is forecast at a record 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 162.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the previous month and 2.2 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt, Tennessee Valley, and Delta. Yields were up from August in the lower portions of the Southeast.

**Soybean** production in the U.S. is forecast at a record high 3.48 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August and 4 percent above last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.7 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from both last month and last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged across the central and northern Corn Belt, with the exception of Michigan. The largest increases in yield from last month are expected in Maryland and Virginia, both up 4 bushels. With the exceptions of Louisiana and the Carolinas, yields are forecast down across the Delta States, Southern Great Plains, and Southeast. The largest decline from August 1 forecast is expected in Oklahoma, down 7 bushels as drought conditions across much of the state hampered yield expectations. If realized, the forecasted yield in Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, and North Dakota will be a record high. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 78.0 million acres, unchanged from June, but up 2 percent from 2009.

**Tobacco** production for 2010 is forecast at 726 million pounds, slightly above last month, but 12 percent below 2009. Area harvested is forecast at 331,120 acres, up 1 percent from August but 7 percent below 2009. Yields for 2010 are expected to average 2,193 pounds per acre, down 17 pounds from August and 129 pounds less than 2009.

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